

job and hopes to stay in Lafayette County, MO, her current home.

Madam Speaker, Command Chief Master Sergeant Orcutt has been a valuable asset to Whiteman Air Force Base and the entire Nation. She has helped to shape the future of the Air Force through her dedicated service of 29 years. I know that the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to Chief Master Sergeant Orcutt.

BROKEN PROMISES

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2007

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, last night, Republicans offered a motion to recommit the Agriculture Appropriations bill that would have sent the bill back to the Appropriations Committee “promptly” for them to amend. But that didn’t happen.

Instead, Democrats shut down the vote when it looked like the outcome wasn’t going to come out in their favor.

Last night’s Democratic tactics amount to the disenfranchisement of American voters.

Four Republicans were not able to cast their vote for their constituents—representing over 2.4 million Americans who were not allowed to have their voice heard.

This is the biggest broken promise to the American people—tax increases, hidden earmarks, budget deficits—none of these broken promises match up to the unfair acts of the Democrat majority last night.

This is not what the American people expect of their elected representatives.

They deserve better and the Republicans in Congress will stand united to ensure they get what they paid for.

In conclusion God bless our troops and we will never forget September 11.

STAY THE COURSE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2007

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, many of my colleagues here today would have you believe that the war in Iraq, our foremost front in the fight against radical Islam, is lost. They will tell you, Madam Speaker, that the causes for which we fight, causes upon which our own Nation was founded, like the freedom, the worth of the individual and human rights, are not worth fighting for in Iraq. They will tell you that game is over and that the best that the American people can do is turn around and walk away in defeat.

This defeat by retreat lacks wisdom of what war is about. America does not fight wars, so we can lose them by quitting.

This is the time for the United States to stand firm in its commitment to freedom abroad. Now is the time for the United States to build up this sprouting democracy, rather than let it be torn down by those who would seek to destroy all of us who believe in liberty.

Surrender has never been the American way, Madam Speaker. Since our Nation’s in-

ception, we have stood for what is right, even when all odds were against us. Let us follow in the footsteps of those who came before us, those who risked everything in order to preserve freedom for all.

And that’s just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO CITY OF SCHERTZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2007

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Schertz for being named one of the Top 100 Best Places to Live by Money Magazine.

The City of Schertz was founded in 1843, and is the largest city in Guadalupe County, which encompasses a part of the 28th Congressional District. Schertz is located between the large metropolitan areas of San Antonio and Austin, but has retained its small-town, community feel which was noted by Money Magazine. Schertz is home to over 34,000 Texans that enjoy all the city has to offer such as its Fourth of July Jubilee which draws visitors from all over Texas.

Schertz has witnessed unprecedented growth since the late 1980s. From 2000–2005, the city’s population went from 18,694 to 26,463. In the past year, that population rose by over 7,000 to 34,000. The growth is attributed to the city’s vibrant economy, its schools, and the quality of life enjoyed by its residents. It is clear why Schertz is No. 40 on the Top 100 Best Places To Live by Money Magazine. In the State of Texas alone, it is ranked as the No. 1 place to live.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the City of Schertz for their being named one of the Top 100 Best Places To Live by Money Magazine.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO COMBAT HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, today, along with Representatives DEBORAH PRYCE and LYNN WOOLSEY, I am reintroducing legislation that would combat human sex trafficking by using the Tax Code to put traffickers in prison. Approximately 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders each year. Instead of dreams of better jobs and better lives, they are trapped into a nightmare of coercion, violence, and disease. However, trafficking is not just a problem in other countries. In addition to the men, women, and children from around the world who are brought into the United States for the sole purpose of being bought and sold by American citizens for commercial sex, in many communities, the victims themselves are Americans.

The legislation would authorize \$4 million toward the establishment of an office within the IRS Criminal Investigation Division to prosecute sex traffickers for violations of tax laws.

This office would coordinate closely with the existing task forces in the Department of Justice that are focused on sex trafficking offenders. The IRS would be directed to focus on the willful failure of traffickers to file returns, supply information, or pay taxes where the taxpayer is an “aggravated” non-filer. Additionally, the provision establishes a new felony offense for an aggravated failure to file, to include failure to file with respect to income or payments derived from activity which is criminal under Federal or State law. The aggravated failure shall carry a maximum sentence of 10 years per failure and shall increase the penalty from \$25,000 under current law to \$50,000. The legislation also increases other penalties for underpayment or overpayment of tax due to fraud.

The bill works to the benefit of the women and girls that are victimized by the traffickers not only by removing the traffickers from the streets but also by revising the IRS whistleblower provisions that are currently in place so that the women and girls who choose to participate in the investigation of the trafficker will be eligible to participate in the whistleblower program and may ultimately receive some payment for their participation.

This bill will provide the IRS with the necessary resources to prosecute traffickers, pimps, and sex tour operators and recover their illicit profits. It is important that we protect the victims of the sex trade industry and punish the predators who exploit them.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO VIDA LIN

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Vida Chan Lin for her tireless efforts on behalf of the Las Vegas community.

Vida Chan Lin has been an outstanding member of the Asian Community in Nevada for more than ten years. She currently serves as the vice-president for both the Las Vegas Asian Chamber of Commerce and the Las Vegas Organization of Chinese Americans. In addition to these prestigious roles Vida also has the honor of being a founding member of the Nevada Asian American/Pacific Islander Leadership Council, and in 2002 she worked on the fundraising committee of the Japanese American Citizens League national convention. She has also served on the Clark County Business Development Advisory Council, and was a member of the Clark County Library District Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Advisory Committee.

Vida’s positive attitude and passion for service in the Asian community has made her a well respected leader and role model for younger generations. Members of her chapter of the Organization of Chinese Americans have characterized her as the “Queen Bee” of their growing family and state that without her, they would not be where they are today. Vida’s efforts and accomplishments provide an atmosphere for others to learn and benefit from her exceptional leadership.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Vida Chan Lin. I would like to personally thank her for her dedicated service to our community, as well as for her support of the Asian Pacific Islander community in Las Vegas.